

MINUTES	MEETING	TIME
KĀPITI COAST DISTRICT COUNCIL	THURSDAY 9 AUGUST 2012	9.05AM

Minutes of an additional meeting of the Kāpiti Coast District Council on Thursday 9 August 2012, commencing at 9.05am in Auditorium 2, Meadows Church, 1 Realm Drive, Paraparaumu.

PRESENT	Mayor	J	Rowan	(Chair)
	Cr	R	Booth	(Deputy Mayor)
	Cr	M	Cardiff	
	Cr	R	Church	
	Cr	P	Ellis	
	Cr	P	Gaylor	
	Cr	K	Gurunathan	
	Cr	T	Lester	
	Cr	T	Lloyd	
	Cr	H	Wooding	
ATTENDING	Ms	L	Jensen	(Chair, Paraparaumu/Raumati Community Board)
	Ms	J	Holborow	(Chair, Paekākāriki Community Board)
	Mr	E	Gregory	(Deputy Chair, Waikanae Community Board)
	Mrs	J	Prvanov	(Member, Waikanae Community Board)
	Mr	T	Daniell	(Member, Paraparaumu/Raumati Community Board)
	Mr	P	Dougherty	(Chief Executive)
	Dr	G	Ferguson	(Group Manager, Strategy and Partnerships)
	Ms	T	Evans	(Group Manager Community Services)
	Mr	S	Mallon	(Group Manager Infrastructure Services)
	Ms	J	Gunn	(Project Manager RONS Projects)
	Ms	A	Lash	(Senior Policy Advisor)
	Mr	R	Foley	(Strategic Communications Manager)
	Mrs	B	Van Gaalen	(Kapiti Grey Power)
	Ms	V	Starbuck-Maffey	(Democratic Services Team Leader)
	Mr	M	Conway	(Senior Associate, Simpson Grierson)

APOLOGIES

Mr M Scott (Chair, Waikanae Community Board)

The Mayor welcomed everyone to the meeting and read the Council blessing.

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APOLOGIES

MOVED (Ellis/Church)

That an apology be accepted from Michael Scott, Chair of the Waikanae Community Board.

CARRIED

It was noted that Cr Ammundsen was on leave of absence.

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PUBLIC SPEAKING TIME

1. Betty van Gaalen spoke on behalf of Kapiti Grey Power and tabled a submission regarding the NZTA Expressway. She commended the draft Council submission but asked that it emphasise the following points:
 - the impact of the Expressway on residents during the construction phase especially with regard to noise, traffic, dust and vibration;
 - halting construction on Sundays so that residents could have at least one day's respite; and
 - for a 3 year monitoring period of noise levels with appropriate mitigation works for affected residents (eg double glazing of houses).

She also raised an issue about the changeover of rubbish bags from paper to plastic. Supermarkets were not selling the bags singly but in packets of five for \$18 which were too costly for people on low incomes. Mr Mallon, Group Manager Infrastructure Services confirmed that Council had written to retailers in May 2011 and also this week about this issue and some outlets were selling them as singles, as were Council Service Centres. This would be more widely publicised.

2. June Rowland spoke about the NZTA Expressway and cited her previous input through the group Kapiti Environmental Action (KEA) to various Council projects, including the Western Link Road. She was very disappointed when the Expressway proposal was announced and had a lot of concerns about its ecological effects. She thought the effect on wetlands had been very well

considered in the Council submission but thought any mitigation measures would need careful monitoring. She commended Council for highlighting the cumulative social effects on residents. In response to a question about who should carry out monitoring, she noted that while monitoring would be carried out by professionals, volunteers could perform a valuable watchdog role.

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MEMBERS BUSINESS

- (a) Responses to Public Speaking Time – as above.
- (b) Leave of absence

MOVED (Mayor/Gaylor)

That leave of absence be granted to Cr Lester for the period 19 August to 14 September 2012.

CARRIED

- (c) Matters of urgent nature – there were none
- (d) Declarations of interest – there were none

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DRAFT SUBMISSION OF THE KĀPITI COAST DISTRICT COUNCIL ON THE MACKAYS TO PEKA PEKA EXPRESSWAY PROPOSAL (SP-12-656)

This item was introduced by Group Manager Strategy and Partnerships Dr Gael Ferguson, and Project Manager RONS Projects Jane Gunn. Matt Conway, Senior Associate Simpson Grierson, was also present to provide clarification around any legal issues in the Board of Inquiry process.

Dr Ferguson outlined the development of the submission and highlighted a key theme ie the need for extended monitoring and the need to ensure that mitigation occurs as and when issues arise. Baseline monitoring was also needed for hydrological areas especially sensitive wetlands. A range of issues was covered in the submission, some in more detail than others. She said that it was likely NZTA would find some issues more challenging to address than others for example the issue of ecological offsets. She also addressed the issues raised by Mrs Van Gaalen during Public Speaking Time and the ensuing discussion also touched on those issues.

Councillors considered the draft submission on a page-by-page basis, discussing and requesting a number of amendments to the text. Other issues emerging during discussion included:

- It was agreed to emphasise that *all* the issues raised by Council in the draft submission were important. If some issues were classified as priorities there was a risk that others would be deemed less important.

Cr Wooding left the meeting at 10.12am and returned at 10.16am.

- ‘Conferencing’ was clarified as an important step in the process which allowed subject experts engaged by all parties to the Board of Inquiry process to come together to discuss contentious issues, isolate areas of disagreement and resolve issues prior to the Hearing. Community groups could participate in the conferencing process, provided they had technical experts present. There was a fund community groups can draw on to help them provide their experts to the conferencing process. The results of any conferencing sessions will be made public through the Environmental Protection Agency website during the decision process.
- The Board of Inquiry’s decision would be final and can only be challenged on technical points of law.

The meeting was adjourned at 10.34am and reconvened at 10.56am. Eric Gregory left the meeting.

- Officers clarified the level of detail included in the draft submission, which sought to take a higher level approach to issues; experts would discuss and negotiate over the more detailed evidence further along in the process.

Cr Gurunathan left the meeting at 12noon and returned at 12.04pm.

- A guarantee was needed from NZTA to ensure that construction would be compliant with the New Zealand noise standard and/or best practice as appropriate and that every effort would be made to mitigate the effects of excessive noise. The lack of an adequate health impact assessment was noted.
- The submission should note the impacts of dust created through the construction process (even when construction was not being carried out) as it is a real concern.
- The submission would include the point that the issue of signage was important to the community.

- There was concern about the effects on affected businesses, schools, and areas of low-income residence, and this would be included in the section on social effects. Information on the Kāpiti Coast demographics would also be included.

Cr Gurunathan and Janet Holborow left the meeting at 12.43pm

The meeting adjourned for lunch at 12.58pm and reconvened at 1.32pm

Cr Gurunathan rejoined the meeting at 1.32pm

- Landscaping was an important issue to be emphasised; Council noted that noise walls should be landscaped as much as possible; acknowledging that some noise walls will be adjacent to properties and owners may have preferences around landscaping.
- The submission should also note issues such as lighting spill into residential areas and mitigation measures for this.
- NZTA does not consider that the Kāpiti Coast is a coastal environment (within the context of the New Zealand Coastal Policy Statement) as far as the Expressway project was concerned. This disagreement would have to be resolved during the Board of Inquiry process.
- A number of other editorial and other clarifications were noted.
- The Waikanae Community Board had considered the submission at their meeting earlier in the week and supported it.

MOVED (Lester/Lloyd)

That the Council approves the draft submission to the EPA and the NZTA on the proposed MacKay's to Peka Peka Expressway Proposal, attached to report SP-12-656 as Appendix A, subject to the changes made by the Council.

CARRIED unanimously

The meeting closed at 3pm.

Signed:..........
Chair

Date:..........